

CADPAC Drug Court Subcommittee

MINUTES April 4th, 2003

I. Welcome and Introductions

Judge Trockman

Judge Trockman opened the meeting at approximately 10:15 AM. Present were Susan Allen, Paul Southwick, Tom Young, Cheri Harris, Mary Kay Hudson and Dr. Michael Evans of AIT Laboratories.

II. Review minutes of last meeting

Judge Trockman

Minutes of last meeting held on February 7th, 2003 were reviewed and approved by subcommittee members.

III. Old Business

Ms. Harris/Ms. Hudson

A. Chemical testing issues – Dr. Michael Evans, AIT

Dr. Evans answered questions from the subcommittee members regarding chemical testing and conformation issues. Dr. Evans recommended that IJC adopt a policy on drug testing requirements that offers flexibility to the courts in terms of specific procedures and work instructions. Dr. Evans will forward Judge Trockman an NIJ monograph regarding the use of screening tests in drug courts. Dr. Evans also stated that he could provide a sample policy and procedure for drug courts to the subcommittee. Subcommittee members will revisit this issue at the next meeting.

B. Drug court workshop

Mary Kay Hudson reported that the evaluations of the 2003 drug court workshop were generally favorable. Ms. Hudson also reported that IJC is in the process of considering the format and scheduling of a drug court workshop in 2004 based upon this feedback. This issue will be revisited at a future subcommittee meeting.

C. Legislative update

Cheri Harris reported that SB 247 was amended in the House to add Martinsville to the list of cities whose judge is required to be an attorney. The bill passed the House 96-0. Because of the House amendment, the bill will require a Senate concurrence which is not expected to be a problem.

D. Drug court rules update

Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Judicial Conference Board of Directors adopted the drug court rules on March 21, 2003. Copies of the adopted rules were distributed to subcommittee members and will be posted on the IJC website.

E. Subcommittee membership development

Mary Kay Hudson reported that Judges Brett Niemeier (Vanderburgh County) and Roland Chamblee (St. Joseph County) and Coordinator Kim Jackson (Lawrence County) have agreed to serve on the subcommittee for a total of ten members.

IV. New Business

Ms. Hudson

A. Drug court data collection

Committee members agreed to revisit this issue at the next subcommittee meeting drug due to time constraints.

B. IJC drug court application for initial certification

Mary Kay Hudson distributed an draft application for certification for subcommittee members review and comments to be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Tentative rules help visit schedule

Mary Kay Hudson distributed a tentative schedule of help visits to operational drug courts to review the adopted drug court rules.

V. Next Meeting Dates

Judge Trockman

Location: IJC, room number TBD May 30, 2003 at 10:00 AM

VI. Adjourn

Judge Trockman

Judge Trockman adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40 PM